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TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS IN PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING METHAMPHETAMINE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Julian Mondragon-Aviles**, 33, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson to **twenty-one years and ten months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Melgren stated that Mondragon-Aviles entered a guilty plea on May 16, 2003, to one count of distributing methamphetamine.

Melgren said that on August 7, 2002, during a drug investigation by the Topeka Police Department, an undercover officer purchased approximately one pound of methamphetamine with \$8,500 in marked buy money. Mondragon-Aviles admitted that he provided the methamphetamine for this sale and that officers recovered approximately \$5,000 of the marked buy money from his person when he was arrested later that day.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Topeka Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration involved in this investigation.

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